

**REMARKS**

The Examiner is thanked for the due consideration given the application. The comments in the Notice have been considered, the specification has been amended to properly insert the heading.

1, 3-9, 18-19 and 21 remain in this application. Claim 17 has been canceled and claim 19 thus has been amended to be depended from claim 3. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to improve the claim language in a non-narrowing fashion.

Page 1, lines 16-19 pertains to one of purposes of the current invention which is coating a material having a refractive index lower than that of silica and thus the support of claim 21 can be found.

Claim 5 has been amended to better set forth its relationship to claim 1.

The cancellation of claim 17 moots any issues pertaining to repetitive subject matter.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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